



Application for Admission LUTHER SEMINARY

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Applicants for the Master of Theology, Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Philosophy degree programs, as well as applicants for Graduate Special status, should contact the associate dean—graduate studies for appropriate applications materials (651) 641-3203 or gte@luthersem.edu.

Name _____
Last (family name) First Middle (Name preferred to be called)

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____
Former Name (if any) _____

Address: Present _____

Permanent (if different from present) _____

Phone: Home (_____) _____
Daytime/Cell (_____) _____

Email: _____

Degree Program (Select one):

- Master of Divinity (MDiv)**
 I plan to begin MDiv studies on campus Full-time Part-time
 I plan to begin MDiv studies on-line
 I plan to interview for the MDiv Distributed Learning cohort-based
 I am an ELCA candidate currently enrolled at a non-ELCA seminary (applying for MDiv ELCA Affiliation)
- Master of Arts**
 Old Testament New Testament History of Christianity Systematic Theology
 Aging and Health Congregational Mission and Leadership Children, Youth and Family (CYF)
 I plan to begin MA studies on campus Full-time Part-time
 I plan to begin MA studies online
 I plan to interview for the CYF Distributed Learning cohort-based MA
- Dual Degree: Master of Arts and Master of Social Work (Augsburg College)**
- Dual Degree: Master of Arts and Master of Arts degree in Marriage and Family Therapy (St. Mary's Univ. of MN)**
- Master of Sacred Music (MSM)**
- Certificate Program** • Bible, History of Christianity and Systematic Theology • Congregational and Community Care
• Children, Youth and Family (CYF) • Congregational Mission and Leadership
• Aging and Health • Parish Nursing • Methodist Studies
 Certificate Concentration (from above list) _____
- Non-Degree**
- Auditor**

I plan to begin study at Luther Seminary:

- January, 20____ Spring, 20____ Summer, 20____ Fall, 20____

Additional information:

- I plan to transfer credit from another seminary
 I plan to transfer credit to another seminary
 I have previously applied at Luther Seminary

Citizenship: I am a citizen or a permanent resident (immigrant) of the United States
 I am a citizen of another country or non-permanent resident the United States.
Which country? _____

Church Membership

Name and location of congregation where you are currently a member

Denominational Affiliation

If Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which synod?

I am planning to be a candidate for rostered lay/ordained ministry in my denomination.

If ELCA, which roster? Ordained Ministry Associate in Ministry Diaconal Ministry Deaconess

Education History

College, University, Graduate School	Years Attended	Major Area(s) of Study	Graduation Date	Degree	Grade Point Average

Have you studied Greek? Yes, one year completed Yes, two years completed No

Have you ever been denied seminary admission or church endorsement? Yes No

Is Luther Seminary the only seminary you are considering? Yes No

Describe your current academic and vocational goals and why these have led you to apply for admission to Luther Seminary.

How do you plan to meet your financial obligations which enrolled, and what additional financial resources could you draw upon, should you need them?

If enrolled, what non-financial resources could the seminary provide to help you succeed both academically and personally?

If you plan to attend less than full-time, describe why you have made this decision and your time-line for completion of your degree.

Occupation History

What is your current occupation? _____

List your most recent employers, positions held, and dates.

In submitting this application I have provided accurate and true information in the application form and all attached documents.

Signature

Date

Return this form to: **Admissions Office
Luther Seminary
2481 Como Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108**

Be sure you also:

- Enclose Autobiography/faith statement (Not required for non-degree students or auditors)
- Request undergraduate transcripts

Recommendation

Pastor

This form is to be given to a home pastor, campus pastor or other pastor. A stamped envelope addressed to Luther Seminary Admissions should be included.

The person named on the right is applying for admission to Luther Seminary and has designated you as a reference. Your help in evaluating this person's potential for theological study is of great importance to the seminary admissions process. Thank you for your candid appraisal of this person's character and ability.



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Applicant's Name

Under the United States Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives students the right to inspect and review their education records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential statements and letters of recommendation.

- I waive my right to examine this recommendation.
- I do not waive my right to examine this recommendation.

Applicant's Signature

Date

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. How would you evaluate the applicant in the following categories?

	<i>Unfavorable</i>		<i>Favorable</i>	
Christian faith and commitment	_____	_____	_____	_____
Academic competence	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to communicate	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work with others	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Please describe the applicant's character, including openness to learn, reliability, and good judgment:

4. How would you summarize this person's strengths?

5. How would you summarize this person's weaknesses?

6. Would you like to work with this person on the staff of your congregation?

Recommendation

Teacher

This form is to be given to a teacher. If the student has been out of school for several years, it may be given to a work supervisor. A stamped envelope addressed to Luther Seminary Admissions should be included.

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Ability to communicate	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work with others	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Please describe the applicant's character, including openness to learn, reliability, and good judgment:

4. How would you summarize this person's strengths?

5. How would you summarize this person's weaknesses?

Recommendation

Other

This form is to be given to a non-family member. A stamped envelope addressed to Luther Seminary Admissions should be included.

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Ability to work with others	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Please describe the applicant's character, including openness to learn, reliability, and good judgment:

4. How would you summarize this person's strengths?

5. How would you summarize this person's weaknesses?

6. Would you like this person to be a pastor or lay leader in the congregation to which you belong?



Recommendation from Musician

A. To the Applicant:

Please give this form to the person who knows you best as a musician and can evaluate your musical skills and potential for graduate study in church music. It is best if this person is a recent teacher in your major performance area. Please include for this person, a stamped envelope addressed to the Office of Admissions, Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108 for his/her convenience. Remember also to contact Luther Seminary's Professor of Church Music or the MSM Administrative Assistant to schedule your audition.

Applicant's Name: _____

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- I waive my right to examine this reference. _____
- I do not waive my right to examine this reference. _____

B. To the Teacher:

The person named above is applying for admission to this seminary, specifically to study for the Master of Sacred Music degree, and has designated you as the music reference. The accuracy and candor of your evaluation are of great importance to Luther Seminary. The Seminary will appreciate your estimate of the applicant in the space below (or on a separate sheet of paper).

1.
 - a. How long have you known the applicant?
 - b. How well do you know the applicant?
 - c. What musical experience do you have with the applicant?

2. How would you rate the applicant as a musician in comparison to other musicians about to begin professional, graduate study in music?

	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 25%	Other
a. Primary performing medium (please identify)	_____	_____	_____	_____
b. Secondary performing medium (please identify)	_____	_____	_____	_____
c. Conducting: choral/instrumental (circle one)	_____	_____	_____	_____
d. Basic musical talent	_____	_____	_____	_____
e. Musical training to date	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. How would you summarize the applicant's overall musical development to date?

4. How would you summarize the applicant's academic competence for graduate/professional studies in church music and worship?

5. Assess this applicant's openness and readiness for learning:

6. How would you summarize the applicant's emotional maturity, common sense, good judgment and self image?

7. How would you summarize the applicant's ability to work with and communicate with people?

8. Would you like to see this person in a music leadership capacity in the church?

9. What, if anything, would detract from the applicant's effectiveness as a music leader in the church?

10. How would you summarize the applicant's Christian commitment and character?

Name: _____ (please print)

Signature: _____

Position: _____

Current Address: _____

Phone: _____

Earned Degrees: BM _____ BM _____ MA _____ MM _____
DMA _____ PhD _____ Other _____

Institution/School: _____